

IMPORTANT NOTICE



FOR IMMIGRANTS

New INS guidelines permit immigrants and their children to use certain non-cash benefits and special purpose cash benefits without affecting their Immigration Status including:

- Medi-Cal *
- Food Stamps
- Healthy Families
- Emergency Medical Assistance
- WIC (Women, Infants and Children)
- Job Training Programs
- Testing & Treatment of Communicable Diseases
- One time emergency payments under CalWORKs
- Prenatal Care
- County Health Programs
- Foster Care and Adoption Assistance
- Non-Cash benefits funded under CalWORKs
- Emergency Disaster Relief
- Transportation Vouchers
- Child Care Services
- Immunizations
- Nutrition Programs
- Housing Assistance
- Energy Assistance
- Educational Assistance

*Unless you use these services to pay for long term care (i.e., long-term nursing home care).

Some of the above programs may provide cash benefits. The purpose of such benefits is not for income maintenance but rather to avoid the need for on going cash assistance for income maintenance; therefore, they are not subject to public charge considerations.

Use of these benefits will not be considered a Public Charge by INS:

- ✓ INS will not deny your legal admission to the U.S.
- ✓ INS will not deny your application for legal permanent residency.
- ✓ INS will not ask you to repay public benefits you received

For More Information Call:

Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles
(CHIRLA) 1-888-624-4752 (Spanish and Russian)
Neighborhood Legal Services HEALTH CONSUMER CENTER
1-800-896-3203 (Spanish, Armenian, Arabic and French)
Chinatown Service Center 1-213-808-1700 (Cantonese and Mandarin)
South Asian Network 1-562-403-0488 (South Asian Languages)
Thai Community Development Center 1-323-468-2555
WRAP Agency 1-310-337-1550 (Cambodian, Japanese, Laotian, Tagalog, Vietnamese)
Korean Resource Center 1-323-937-3718



Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services
Public Charge Language Line 1-800-815-5005